

SAVING ENERGY ON CAPITOL HILL



The Architect of the Capitol is working to reduce energy use and costs.

BEWARE OF THE ENERGY VAMPIRES ON CAPITOL HILL!

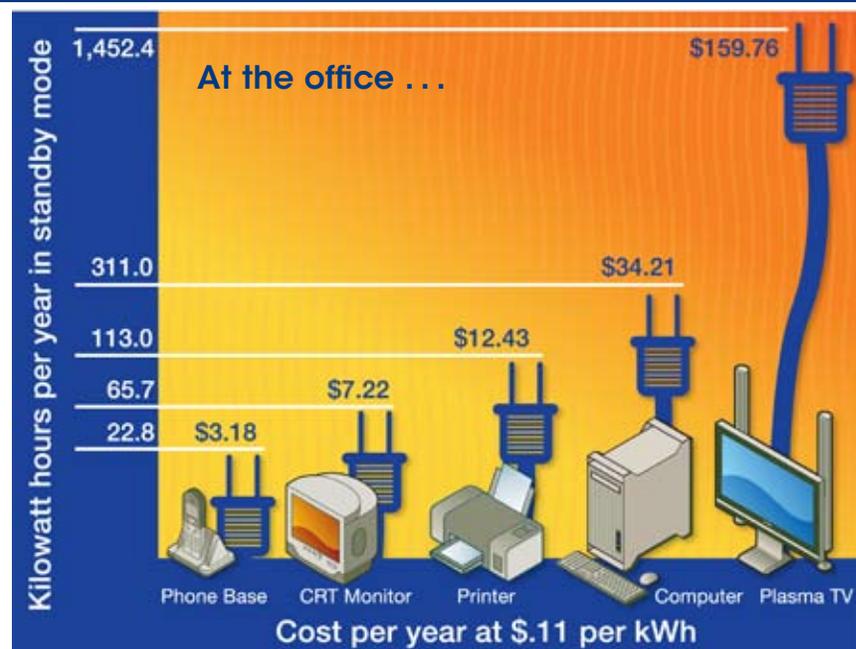
They take the form of office equipment, personal electronics, and appliances that consume electricity when left in “standby mode.” These thirsty monsters constantly crave electricity and continue to consume power, even when office equipment is idle or “shut off.”

HOW BIG IS THE PROBLEM?

About 40 percent of the electricity being used to power electronic devices is consumed while those devices are in standby mode. EPA estimates that we spend \$1 billion each year to power TV's and VCR's while they're turned off.

Simply shutting down your computer and printer at night and on weekends can reduce operational costs by 50 percent, saving \$250,000 annually on Capitol Hill.

WHO ARE THE CULPRITS and WHAT ARE THE COSTS?



RID YOUR OFFICE OF ENERGY VAMPIRES: Unplug 'em.

A good rule of thumb is to unplug devices if they are not in use . . . like that phone charger, display screen, or microwave.

Plug 'em in.

Plug printers, monitors, TVs, VCRs, and other peripheral equipment into a power strip with a surge suppressor and turn everything off with just one switch. (They also provide protection against power spikes even when they're switched off.)

Remove chargers from the socket.

If the device says “charge complete,” pull the plug!

Choose Energy Star equipment.

Energy Star equipment, appliances, and personal electronics meet EPA's strictest energy-efficiency guidelines.

Estimates show that 5% of all electricity used in the United States is wasted on standby power—about \$4 billion a year!



WE HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE ENERGY



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